

*Home Going Celebration
of
Deacon John Henry Evans*

Alpha:

June 15, 1925



Omega:

August 29, 2006

A Race Won, A Chapter Closed

Saturday, September 9, 2006

12:00 Noon

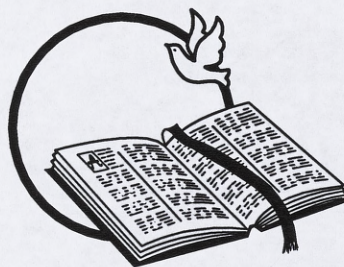
Thompson Temple Church of God in Christ

1515 Whitney Avenue

Gretna, Louisiana

Superintendent Dave Jones, Jr. - Officiating

Elder Keith E. Thornton, Sr. - Host Pastor



*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
Psalms 116:15*

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them.
Revelation 14:13*

Order of Celebration

Organ Prelude Mr. Benson Walker

Processional Clergy & Family

Prayer Elder Nicholas McElveen

Congregational Hymn

Scripture Readings - Old Testament (Psalms 27:1-6) Minister Sylvester Morris

New Testament (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)..... Elder James L. Badon

Master of Ceremony - Minister Luther D. Bunch

Reflections

A Church Member Sister Cynthia Morris

A Friend Sister Mary Johnson

Mother Ella Mae Spurlock

A Deacon Elder Eddie Chapman

A Family Member Elder Myron Bunch

Solo Great is Thou Faithfulness Sister Saquita Branch

Tribute - "In Our Image" Missionary Maxine Wilson Evans

Obituary Missionary Bonnie Badon McElveen

Acknowledgments District Missionary Gwendolyn Bell Badon

Recognition of Visiting Clergy

Sermonic Solo STAND Elder Jerome Smith, Sr.

Eulogy Superintendent Dave Jones, Jr.

Parting View Richardson Mortuary Officiating

Music - Sister Jeanetta Hilaire

Benediction

Recessional Clergy & Family

Obituary

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. And he delights in his way."

Psalms 37::23

On Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 8:05 A.M. in Kahului - Maui, Hawaii the Lord called John Henry Evans from labor to reward. He was born June 15, 1925 in Centerville, Mississippi to the union of the late Charlie Evans and Rosie Evans. John Henry was the oldest of two (2) children.

John Henry graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

John Henry and Willie Mildred Jones were united in holy matrimony on June 21, 1950. To their union six(6) children were born; two (2) daughters - Maxine and Constance, and four (4) sons - John Edward, Aaron, Verdel and Darryl whom he dearly loved. When the grandchildren came, his heart just got bigger with more love to share with each and every one of them.

At an early age John Henry united with Emerald Hill Church of God in Christ in Centerville, Mississippi. Upon moving to New Orleans, he united with the Law Street Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Elder Jerry Johnson. After the demise of Elder Johnson he continued to serve at Law Street Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Edgar Melton until he united with the Macedonia Church of God in Christ under the leadership of his brother-in-law, Superintendent Dave Jones, Jr. John Henry loved the Lord and served faithfully and whole-hearted until the Lord said "servant well done". During his membership at Macedonia he served as Y.P.W.W. President for many years until he was elevated to President of the Deacon Board and served as Senior Deacon upon the death of the late Deacon Leonard Charles Badon, Sr. He also served as a member of the Trustee Board with honor. He did not only serve his local church, but served District #5 of Eastern Louisiana 3rd Jurisdiction as Y.P.W.W. President for many years until moving on to President of the Deacon Board. John Henry was blessed to be nationally ordained as a Deacon in Memphis, Tennessee. He was very proud of this appointment and any position that was appointed to his hands.

John Henry retired from Borden's Dairy after forty (40) years of devoted service as Head Custodian. Being a man of integrity and believing wanting to keep busy, after his retirement from Borden's he was then employed by National Car Rental at the New Orleans Airport Location for fifteen (15) years where he aided many in travel arrangements.

John Henry, along with his wife Mildred traveled and chaperoned the choir both in and out-of-town. He was full of hospitality and a lover of people. John Henry met no strangers and was an encourager to both young and old. His home was always opened to any and everyone. John Henry chauffeured

many evangelist, neighbors, church members, family and friends. He loved all people, and there were no limits or boundaries that prevented him from assisting anyone.

Loved ones cherishing his memories are two (2) daughters - Maxine Benton (Theodore) and Constance Hall (Frederick), four (4) sons - Darryl (Vernita) of New Orleans, Louisiana, John Edward (Sandy) of Austin, Texas, Verdell Evans (Manuela) of Vallejo, California and Elder Aaron Evans (Maxine) of Slidell, Louisiana; two (2) Goddaughters - Patricia Blair-Simon of Dallas, Texas and Lillie Jones Bunch of Vossburg, Mississippi; eighteen (18) grandchildren; two (2) great-granddaughters; one (1) brother - David Evans and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Rosie Evans and loving wife Wille Mildred Jones Evans.

Acknowledgments

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or just sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
You just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Interment

Restlawn Park Cemetery, Inc.
Highway 90
Avondale, Louisiana

Repast

248 Mission Court
Avondale, Louisiana

In Our Image: As We Will Forever Remember You

Papa, John Henry, 'Bud' as we refer to him- with absolutely no disrespect- loving, caring, friendly, and true.

Always on the go - our Road-Runner, full of life, energetic, enthusiastic about the work of the Lord.

Persevering through sickness and setbacks, never once complaining or using obstacles as an excuse not to fulfill his Earthly mission.

His faith never wavered, was never shaken, just re-vamped, molded, and re-shaped to continue his Christian journey.

A loyal friend, a dedicated father, a devoted father-in-law, a special papa, a concerned uncle, a God-fearing counselor, an available chauffeur - so many more appropriate titles assigned to address him.

Though he wore many hats, his personality, a Christian example of what it means to be Christ-like, never once altered, never changed.

A warm, caring, friendly, sincere, and loving smile he always exhibited as he greeted others and us - as he touched so many lives.

A man of remarkable patience, and unquestionable love, with nothing but devotion for his family. We were assigned a precious stone that we will treasure forever.

The memories we shared; the moments, the quality and productive family time, all sketched within our minds and engraved within the chambers of our hearts to cherish throughout a lifetime.

His meekness taught us how to be meek, His humble nature taught us how to be humble. A great teacher - giving God all glory and thanks for the dawning of each day.

Papa, John Henry, 'Bud,' our Road-Runner, who taught us how to live, how to respect others and their views, and how to treat mankind.

Never a harsh word springing forth from his lips.

Never an increased level of volume within his tone as he provided instructions and corrections for any one of us, who was in need.

Never any criticism imposed upon us, and more important than any other virtue, he never took anyone's side.

Always just a simple response, one of two, all of us who knew him are very familiar with - **"SHOW NUFF!"** or **"WHAT YOU SAY!"**

Just encouraging us to achieve and walk in reverence with God each day.

Papa, John Henry, 'Bud,' God's anointed vessel, special - assisting others in any way and in any capacity that he could.

Traveling here and there, near and far to provide encouragement and to help in any way deemed necessary.

His enthusiasm for a Godly existence is contagious and his mannerism will live on in all of us - children, grandchildren, daughters and sons-in-law.

He inspired us, and leaves a legacy for all of us to behold.

He crossed the paths of many, but when he crossed the path of our friend, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and aunt - the late Willie Mildred Jones-Evans, Mildred as we affectionately refer to her, with no disrespect - the story began to unfold. The two were inseparable - a Christian example of what marriage should be.

Papa, John Henry, 'Bud', - although physically absent from us, your spirit yet prevails.

You are special Papa, John Henry, 'Bud', Road-Runner.

Never speaking of you in past tense, recalling the tales of enlightenment you shared of your youthful years - a laugh - encouragement - a pat - holding our hands as we encountered the trials of life.

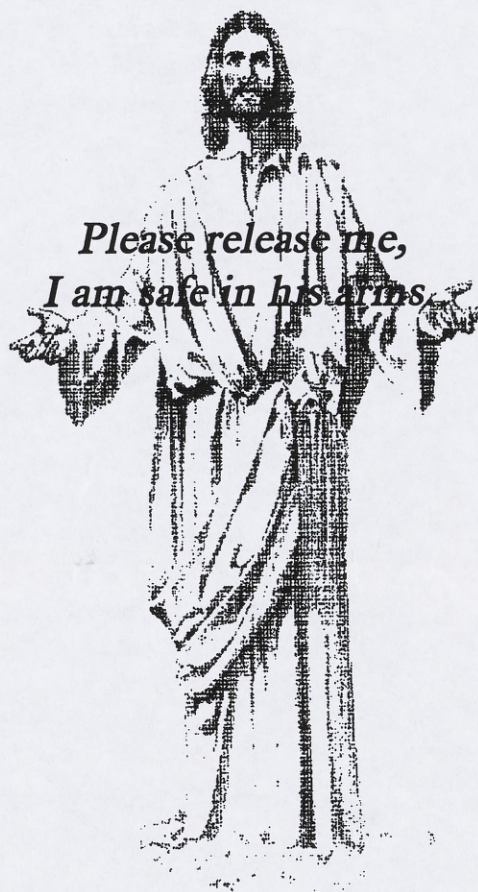
Papa, John Henry, 'Bud', Road-Runner - our father, father-in-law, papa, uncle, yet so much more. It's all right that you had to leave us. We understand you lived a life to live again.

Your Earthly mission is accomplished; Your Earthly mission is done

Though it is extremely painful to let you go, God has welcomed you, with no doubt, into His open arms.

A life well lived - WELL-DONE - SERVANT - you are safe in the arms of the Lord.

Your Loving Family



"My dearest loves, live so I can see you again."

Honorary Pallbearers

*Mr. John E. Evans
Elder Aaron Evans
Mr. Verdel Evans
Mr. Darryl Evans
Mr. John V. (Boggie) Evans
Mr. Jeremiah Evans
Mr. Darryl G. Evans
Mr. Brandon Evans
Mr. Jonathan Evans
Mr. Frederick Hall
Mr. Theodore Benton*

Active Pallbearers

*Elder Myron Bunch
Mr. Wallace C. McGill, Jr.
Mr. John V. (Boggie) Evans
Elder James L. Badon
Elder Nicholas McElvee
Minister Sylvester Morris
Mr. Cora' Williams
Mr. Emmanuel Branch*

Flower Bearers

Ushers

Choir Members

*Macedonia Church of God in Christ
Eastern Louisiana 3rd Jurisdiction*

Arrangements Entrusted to:

*Richardson Mortuary Services
11112 Jefferson Highway
River Ridge Louisiana*